Sixty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 3, 2023

SENATE BILL NO. 2278
(Senators Myrdal, Larson)
(Representatives Christensen, Karls, Klemin)

AN ACT to provide for a legislative management study regarding municipal courts and judges.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - MUNICIPAL COURTS.

1. During the 2023-24 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying the laws and procedures relating to courts established under chapter 40-18. The study must include an examination of the:

   a. Number and geographic location of existing municipal courts;

   b. Access to municipal court ordinances;

   c. Jurisdiction of the municipal courts;

   d. Municipal court judge qualifications and training;

   e. Transfer of cases to district court;

   f. Appeal of cases to district court;

   g. Supreme court general oversight of municipal courts;

   h. Applicability of judicial administrative rules to municipal courts;

   i. Requirements for recording proceedings in municipal court; and

   j. Requirements to report information to the supreme court on the establishment or abolition of a court, the election, appointment and removal of municipal court judges and clerks, and annual caseload data and annual financial information on the imposition, collection, and disposition of fines and fees.

2. The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation necessary to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-ninth legislative assembly.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Sixty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2278.

Senate Vote:	Yeas 47	Nays 0	Absent 0
House Vote:	Yeas 92	Nays 0	Absent 2

Secretary of the Senate

Received by the Governor at _____M. on _____, 2023.

Approved at _____M. on _____, 2023.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____day of _____, 2023,

at _____ o'clock _____M.

Secretary of State